

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A hydrophilic superabsorbent polymer comprising:
 - a) from about 55 to about 99.9 wt.% of polymerizable unsaturated acid group containing monomers;
 - b) from about 0.001 to about 5.0 wt.% of internal crosslinking agent;
 - c) from about 0.001 to about 5.0 wt.% of surface crosslinking agent applied to the particle surface; and
 - d) wherein the composition has a degree of neutralization of more than about 20%, and from about 20 mole % to about 75 mole % of the unsaturated acid group containing monomers are neutralized with a first neutralizing agent, and from about 5 mole % to about 40 mole % of the unsaturated acid group containing monomers are neutralized with a second neutralizing agent; at a temperature of about 75°C or less;

wherein the superabsorbent polymer has an absorption time of about $5+10a^2$ minutes or greater, where a is the mean particle size of the superabsorbent material in millimeters, a liquid capacity of about 15 g/g or greater, a drop penetration value of about 2 seconds or less, and a ~~½ float saturation~~ floatability of about 50% or less.

2. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 1 having a liquid capacity of about 20 g/g or greater.

3. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 1 having a liquid capacity of about 25 g/g or greater.

4. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 1 having an Absorption Time of about $7+10 \text{ a}^2$ minutes or greater.

5. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 1 having an Absorption Time of about $10+10 \text{ a}^2$ minutes or greater.

6. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 1 having a Gel Bed Permeability of about $20 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ or greater.

7. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 1 having a Gel Bed Permeability of about $50 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ or greater.

8. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 1 having a Gel Bed Permeability of about $80 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ or greater.

9. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 1 wherein the first neutralizing agent is selected from the group of monovalent hydroxides, carbonate or bicarbonate salts and ammonia or mixtures thereof.

10. (Original) The superabsorbent of Claim 1 wherein at least 40% of the neutralization is accomplished by the first neutralizing agent.

11. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 1 wherein the first neutralizing agent comprises a monovalent metal hydroxide.

12. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 1 wherein the second neutralizing agent comprises a multivalent metal hydroxide.

13. (Currently Amended) A water insoluble, ~~slightly~~ cross-linked, partially neutralized, hydrophilic, superabsorbent polymer wherein the superabsorbent polymer has an absorption time of about $5+10a^2$ minutes or greater, where a is the mean particle size of the superabsorbent material in millimeters, a liquid capacity of about 15 g/g or greater, a drop penetration value of about 2 seconds or less, and a ~~$\frac{1}{2}$ float saturation~~ floatability of about 50% or less.

14. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 13 having a liquid capacity of about 20 g/g or greater.

15. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 13 having a liquid capacity of about 25 g/g or greater.

16. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 13 having an Absorption Time of about $7+10 \text{ a}^2$ minutes or greater.

17. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 13 having an Absorption Time of about $10+10 \text{ a}^2$ minutes or greater.

18. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 13 having a Gel Bed Permeability of about $20 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ or greater.

19. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 13 having a Gel Bed Permeability of about $50 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ or greater.

20. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 13 having a Gel Bed Permeability of about $80 \times 10^{-9} \text{ cm}^2$ or greater.

21. (Original) A hydrophilic superabsorbent polymer comprising:

- a) from about 55 to about 99.9 wt.% of polymerizable unsaturated acid group containing monomers;
- b) from about 0.001 to about 5.0 wt.% of internal crosslinking agent;
- c) from about 0.001 to about 5.0 wt.% of surface crosslinking agent applied to the particle surface; and

- d) wherein the composition has a degree of neutralization of more than about 20%, and from about 20 mole % to about 75 mole % of the unsaturated acid group containing monomers are neutralized with a first neutralizing agent, and from about 5 mole % to about 40 mole % of the unsaturated acid group containing monomers are neutralized with a second neutralizing agent; at a temperature of about 75°C or less.
22. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 21 wherein the first neutralizing agent is selected from the group of monovalent hydroxides, carbonate or bicarbonate salts and ammonia or mixtures thereof.
23. (Original) The superabsorbent of Claim 21 wherein at least 40% of the neutralization is accomplished by the first neutralizing agent.
24. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 21 wherein the first neutralizing agent comprises a monovalent metal hydroxide.
25. (Original) The superabsorbent polymer of Claim 21 wherein the second neutralizing agent comprises a multivalent metal hydroxide.